

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 591

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Greeneville City Schools on being ranked the Best School District in Tennessee by *Business Insider*.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those educational institutions that, through the natural talents and unflinching commitment to academic excellence evidenced by their administration, faculty, staff, and students, have earned national praise and accolades; and

WHEREAS, Greeneville City Schools is one such exemplary collection of institutions, which was recently recognized as the Best School District in Tennessee by *Business Insider*; and

WHEREAS, *Business Insider*, an online business news site, partnered with the website *Niche* to create a series of rankings based on research, analysis, and data compiled from *Niche* users, the United States Department of Education, and the National Center for Education Statistics. The data included information on test scores, academia, student life, colleges, Common Core, SAT and ACT scores, and school attendance; and

WHEREAS, according to *Niche's* "2018 Best Schools in America" listing, the Greeneville City Schools system placed first in four categories for Best in Tennessee, including Best School District, Districts with Best Teachers, Safest School Districts, and Best Places to Teach; and

WHEREAS, Greeneville City Schools was awarded an overall grade of "A-plus," and it received an "A-plus" in the individual categories of teachers, clubs and activities, health and safety, food, administration, and resources and facilities. The school system also received an "A" for its academics, college preparation of students, and sports, and it received an A-minus in diversity; and

WHEREAS, showcasing outstanding academic achievement across the board, the schools within the city system also received praise and accolades on an individual level, with Greeneville High School, Greeneville Middle School, EastView Elementary School, and Tusculum View Elementary School receiving an "A" grade; Hal Henard Elementary School receiving an "A-minus"; and Highland Elementary School receiving a "B"; and

WHEREAS, Greeneville High was recognized as the 12th Best Public High School in the State; it was ranked 3rd on the list of Best Public High School Teachers in the State and was the 29th Best College Preparatory Public High School in the State; and

WHEREAS, Greeneville Middle was ranked as the 18th Best Public Middle School in the State and ranked 23rd for Best Public Middle School Teachers; and

WHEREAS, Tusculum View Elementary was recognized as the 25th Best Public Elementary School in the State and was ranked 33rd for Best Public Elementary School Teachers; and

WHEREAS, EastView Elementary was listed as 30th for Best Public Elementary School Teachers in Tennessee and as the 46th Best Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Hal Henard Elementary and Highland Elementary were both named to the "Niche Standout Schools of America" list, which recognizes public schools making a difference in their community, based on factors such as diversity, graduation rates, state test scores for economically disadvantaged and minority students, SAT and ACT scores, and the quality of colleges that students consider; and

WHEREAS, the state and national rankings of Greeneville City Schools are a tremendous source of pride for the students, teachers, and administrators of the Greeneville community; and

WHEREAS, such rankings are a testament to the dedication to academic excellence by all the fine individuals affiliated with Greeneville City Schools, and they are all clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Greeneville City Schools on being ranked the Best School District in Tennessee by *Business Insider*, salute the school system's students, staff, faculty, and administration on this prestigious honor, and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.